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Appalling Calamities

Three terrible tornadoes have swept over many States within the past three weeks, leaving death and destruction in their paths, the total of which is appalling. Never in the history of tornadoes has there been such destruction of life and property in so short a time. It seems as though these monstrous, titanic concentrators of nature's electrical force are becoming more numerous as the years come and go. If so, where and what will the end be? Every family ought to have a good storm-cave and a reliable barometer. Thus provided, the danger to life, at least, would be reduced to a minimum.

In this connection we wish to call attention to a matter of most vital importance. The Government Weather Bureau sent out forecasts Sunday afternoon to the effect that a cold wave was coming and would be due here that night. But the cold wave predicted by these "short range" forecasters did not "show up"; but, instead, widespread and most appalling tornadoes swept over many of the middle States. Therefore the Government forecasts did not meet the necessary requirements to save life and property. On the other hand the world-renowned "long-range" forecaster, Rev. Irl R. Hicks, has the following warning published in his almanac months in advance. Here him: "A regular storm period involves the 17th to the 23rd. The center of Earth's equinox falls on the 22nd, within two days of the center of the Venus equinox on the 24th. The moon will be in opposition with Earth and sun, at an eclipse node, on the 22nd, and on the celestial equator and in perigee on the 21st. We will venture this period as constituting one of great and DANGEROUS disturbances." "A proper use of the barometer will give ample and timely warning of approaching atmospheric violence at this time." Dear readers of the CHAMPION, did not two of the most widespread and destructive tornadoes leave death and desolation within the period named?

Since putting the above in type, still more appalling destruction of life and property is reported, caused by torrential cloud-bursts from the Mississippi river to the Allegheny Mountains. Some six thousand are reported dead; half a million made homeless, and over \$100,000,000 of property

destroyed. What next?

Now let's see about Wednesday's forecast. In Hicks' almanac we read: "A reactionary storm period is central on the 26th, 27th and 28th—coincident with the center of the Venus period. The probabilities are that a prolonged spell of hard, stormy weather will cover the storm periods at this time." It is reasonably probable that two blizzards will equal or exceed anything of the kind for the whole winter."

Farmers' Mass Meeting

In our issue of February 27th, under the head of "If Not Why Not?" we suggested the advisability of the citizens of Elgin and surrounding country getting together and organizing some kind of an association for the benefit of the farmers and all others concerned. The article was well received and met with a hearty assent among our progressive farmers and business men, and many have called and talked the matter over with us. But the busy spring work is now pressing the farmers and naturally intensifies the disposition to procrastinate even in such an important matter. As we stated in the above mentioned article, there are many ways in which such an organization could be made valuable. Among those we had in mind, but did not mention, was the possibility of securing a Demonstration Farm in this immediate vicinity. We had good reasons to believe that this valuable educational institution could have been secured by an organized effort; and this would have been but a beginning of greater accomplishments. But, we fear we have now "ained away our day of grace" for this—at least, for some time. But there are other opportunities equally as important. Shall we "sin them away" also?

The wide-a-wake, progressive farmers and business men are organizing all over the State, and we feel somewhat humiliated by the lethargy shown in this community. If they don't wake up, they will as surely be left behind as effect is sure to follow cause.

The enterprising Chamber of Commerce of Lawton has called a two-days' mass meeting of the farmers of the county at that place, Thursday and Friday April 10th and 11th, for the purpose of forming a county organization. A most valuable and entertaining program has been arranged. There will be lectures by experts from the Agricul-

tural and Mechanical College and the Farm Development Department of the Frisco and Rock Island railroads. These men are well qualified to discuss the various branches of progressive agriculture, including horticulture, stock raising, dairying, poultry, and the marketing of farm products.

Every farmer and townsmen who possibly can should attend this meeting; the farmer for his direct advantage, and the townsmen for his indirect benefit. They will have a higher conception of agriculture and its kindred branches, and be much better prepared, in mind at least, to meet conditions and possibilities as they now exist. They will never regret the time so well spent. Then, we believe, they will more readily see the advantage of uniting in an auxiliary organization.

Property organized, a sensible people can accomplish wonders. Unorganized, where it is "every one for himself and the devil for all," the latter universally "gets in" his satanic work." And incidentally, we will say that we don't have to go a thousand miles from here for proof of this. Come, wake up to a realization of where we are drifting, before it is everlasting too late. Let's act like men.

We hope to see this community become a "live wire" in the county organization at least.

Prospective Oil Well

From a recent issue of the Morning Examiner, published at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, we clip the following, which is of no small significance. It may mean the beginning of great things for this community. As we stated last week, the surface indications for oil in this vicinity is far more promising than it was at the beginning of most of the big oil fields. The clipping reads:

"Considerable interest attaches to the discovery, near Sterling, Comanche county, in the southern part of the State. The well is located on the James Wareham farm, two and a half miles north-east of Sterling, section 35, township 4 north, range 9 west.

"Elgin, Oklahoma, will be the principal shipping point, if a field develops. There is a good highway from that place to the well, and an automobile service will be installed about April 1st."

A picnic will be held at this well Sunday, to which the progressive, interested citizens of this community are cordially invited. Go and "be shown" that they mean business.

Report of the Condition of the Bank of Elgin,

Elgin, Oklahoma, February 4th, 1913.
RESOURCES

	DOLLARS
Loans and Discounts	\$22,075.31
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	239.27
Banking House	1,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	650.00
Due from Banks	2,042.46
Other Resources	24.77
Cash in Bank	770.62
Total	\$26,802.43

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock Paid in	\$ 5,000.00
Surplus Fund	100.00
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	10,415.65
Time Certificates of Deposit	3,201.75
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	585.03
Notes and Bills Rediscounted	7,500.00
Total	\$26,802.43

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,) ss I. O. A. McPherson, Vice President
COUNTY OF COMANCHE,) ss of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, so help me God.

O. A. MCPHERSON, Vice President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of February, 1913.

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Hicks 1913 Almanac.

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